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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR THE FOURTH FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING IN THE CABLECARD PROCEEDING

Comment Date: June 14, 2010 Reply Comment Date: June 28, 2010

On April 21, 2010, the Commission adopted a *Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in the *Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Competitive Availability of Navigation Devices; Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment proceeding.¹ In the <i>Fourth FNPRM*, the Commission requests comment on proposed changes to the current CableCARD system to make it more consumer-friendly while a new technology approach is being developed.² The Commission also seeks comment on a proposed rule that would specify the functionality of the IEEE-1394 interface on set-top boxes and enable other interfaces as well.³ Finally, the Commission seeks comment on proposed changes to our rules to encourage cable operators to use their capacity more efficiently.⁴ The *Fourth FNPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days after publication of the *Fourth FNPRM* in the Federal Register. On May 14, 2010, a summary of the *Fourth FNPRM* was published in the Federal Register.⁵ Accordingly, comments and reply comments must be filed on or before June 14, 2010 and June 28, 2010, respectively. Commenters should follow the filing instructions in the *Fourth FNPRM* beginning at paragraph 27. The *Notice of Inquiry* is available at: http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-61A1.doc.

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¹ Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Competitive Availability of Navigation Devices; Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment, FCC 10-61, __ FCC Rcd __ (rel. April 21, 2010).

 $^{^{2}}$ Id. at ¶¶ 12-18.

 $^{^{3}}$ *Id.* at ¶ 19-21.

⁴ *Id*. at ¶ 22.

⁵ 75 Fed. Reg. 27256 (2010).